

## **MINUTES**

# **Service Committee of the Legislative Council**

June 28, 2012, Third Meeting of the 2011-2012 Biennium

#### **MEMBERS PRESENT:**

Senator Michael E. Gronstal, Chairperson Senator Jerry Behn Senator John P. (Jack) Kibbie Speaker Kraig Paulsen,
Vice Chairperson
Representative Kevin M. McCarthy
Representative Linda L. Upmeyer

# MEETING IN BRIEF

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- I. Procedural Business
- II. Legislative Services Agency Budget and Personnel Report
- III. Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman Budget and Personnel Report
- IV. Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency



## **Service Committee of the Legislative Council**

#### I. Procedural Business

**Call to Order.** Chairperson Gronstal called the June 28, 2012, meeting of the Service Committee of the Legislative Council to order at 10:35 a.m. in Room 22 of the State Capitol.

**Committee Business.** Upon motion by Representative Upmeyer, the committee approved the minutes from the August 16, 2011, meeting of the committee by voice vote.

Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:41 a.m.

### II. Legislative Services Agency – Budget and Personnel Report

Mr. Glen Dickinson, Director of the Legislative Services Agency, presented the annual personnel report and proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Legislative Services Agency. Mr. Dickinson indicated that the printing budget request for fiscal year 2012-2013 includes production of the 2013 lowa Code. He also noted that the personal services budget request for fiscal year 2012-2013 is less than the same item for fiscal year 2011-2012 due to attrition. In response to a question by Senator Behn concerning the proposed increase in the travel expense budget, Mr. Dickinson explained that only two lowa members had traveled to the Uniform State Law Commissioners' annual meeting last year and that three lowa members are expected to travel to this meeting during fiscal year 2012-2013. Mr. Dickinson also noted that all proposed employee promotions are for one-step promotions. Upon motion by Senator Kibbie, the committee, by voice vote, recommended that the Legislative Council approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 and receive and file the annual personnel report of the Legislative Services Agency.

#### III. Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman – Budget and Personnel Report

Ms. Ruth Cooperrider, Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman, presented the annual personnel report and proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 for the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman. Ms. Cooperrider noted that all proposed promotions are for one-step promotions and that the Deputy Ombudsman position will remain vacant. Ms. Cooperrider also introduced Mr. Jason Pulliam, an Assistant Ombudsman 1 hired in January 2012, and Mr. Jinhong Lim, a South Korean government official completing a two-year period of fellowship study with her office. Mr. Lim is the Director of the South Korean Administration Management Division of the Anti-Corruption and Civil Rights Commission, which has an Ombudsman component. Upon motion by Representative Paulsen, the committee, by voice vote, recommended that the Legislative Council approve the proposed budget for fiscal year 2012-2013 and the annual personnel report of the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman.

#### IV. Materials Filed With the Legislative Services Agency

Fiscal year 2012-2013 budget and annual personnel reports from the Legislative Services Agency and the Office of Citizens' Aide/Ombudsman.

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